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SUMMARY: PRESS COVERGE JANUARY 13 GAVE EXTENSIVE FACTUAL
COVERAGE OF FOUR MAJOR ITEMS: (1) BEGINNING OF PTS INTER-
ROGATION; (2) REP. CAPUTO'S ARRIVAL AND AIRPORT PRESS
STATEMENT; (3) INTERVIEW WITH FBI INVESTIGATOR CONNALLY
R LIE DETECTOR; (4) JAWORSKI'S INTERVIEW ON NBC "TODAY"
SHOW. VER LITTLE COMMENT.

1. BEGINNING OF PTS INTERROGATION: HAVING ONLY THE
VARE FACTS -- PARTICIPANT'S NAMES, INTERROGATION SCHEDULE,
LOCATION, TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS ADMINISTRATION OF
DUAL OATHS BY KOREAN JUDGE AND US CONSUL GENERAL, ETC. --.
THE PRESS REPORTED THESE EXHAUSTIVELY AND QUITE UNIFORMLY.

2. ALL PAPERS REPORT REP. CAPUTO'S ARRIVAL LATE JANUARY 12.
ALL PAPERS FOCUSED ON STATEMENTS THAT: CONGRESS WOULD
NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT INTERROGATION
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AGREEMENT; THAT HE, CAPUTO, WOULD NOT ACCEPT MERE
AUDITOR STATUS AT INTERROGATING SESSION; THAT IF PTS
DID NOT TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESS HE WOULD BE CITED FOR
CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS AND ARRESTED ("BY THE CONGRESSIONAL
POLICE FORCE", ADDS AFTERNOON CHUNGANG ILBO) REGARDLESS
OF THE JUSTICE DEPT'S WISHES IN THE MATTER; THAT CONGRESS
WISHED TO QUESTION NOT ONLY PTS BUT ALSO FORMER AMBASSADOR

KIM DONG JO AND FORMER AMBASSADOR HAM BYONG CHOON, AS WELL AS EXAMINING KOREAN EMBASSY'S BANK RECORDS; AND FINALLY, THAT, IF KOREA EXPECTED CONGRESS TO BE DORTHCOMING IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE, SHE WOULD HAVE TO BE "MUCH MORE COOPERATIVE" THAN HAS BEEN THE CASE.

3. ALL PAPERS REPORT, SOME VERBATIM, A BRIEF INTERVIEW GRANTED BY FBI POLYGRAPH EXPERT CONNALLY AFTER FIRST SESSION WITH PTS. QUESTIONS/ANSWERS UNIFORMLY REPORTED HAD TO DO WITH CONNALLY'S PERSONAL CREDENTIALS, THE MACHINE'S RELIABILITY ("90 PER CENT"), ADMISSIBILITY OF LIE-DETECTOR EVIDENCE (ORDINARILY INADMISSIBLE, UNLESS STIPULATED BY BOTH PARTIES PLUS THE WITNESS HIMSELF), AND CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE POLYGRAPH IS NOT USEFUL (PSYCHOLOGICALLY ABNORMAL SUBJECT).

4. AFTERNOON SEOUL SINMUN HEADLINES "JAWORSKI ONCE AGAIN BETRAYS HIS PREJUDICE": GOSSIP COLUN IN CHUNGANG ILBO INDICATES SIMILAR FEELING ABOUT "TODAY"SHOW INTERVIEW. AFTERNOON PAPERS EMPHASIZE THE FOLLOWING IN REPORTING THE INTERVIDW: JAWORSKI SAYS: THAT KOREAN LOBBYING ACTIVITY WAS PROBABLY LESS EXTENSIVE THAN GENERALLY SUSPECTED, THAT NO MORE THAN A FEW DOZEN CONGRESSMEN WOULD BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION; THAT THE SEOUL INTERVIEWS NOW GOING ON SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE AND THAT HE COULD GET THE TRUTH TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HIMSELF IN "TWO TO THREE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MONTHS TIME"; THAT PTS WILL NOT SPEAK TRUTHFULLY IN FRONT OF ROK OFFICIALS. INFLUENTIAL TONG-A ILBO HAS JAWORSKI SAYING THAT HE HAS CONCENTRATED HIS FIRE ON KOREANS RATHER THAN ON CONGRESSMEN BECAUSE HE CANNOT PUBLICIZE WHAT HE LEARNS OF CONGRESSMEN BUT MUST BIDE HIS TIME TILL HE CAN PROSECUTE.
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